

Notice of Public Hearing – (February 23, 2012)

Proposed New Permit for the Knutson Towboat Company

DEQ's role

DEQ issues permits to regulate the type and amount of wastewater produced at a regulated facility.

Invitation to comment

DEQ invites the public to comment on the Knutson Towboat Company's proposed wastewater treatment permit, known officially as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

Hearing Details

Date: February 23, 2012

Time:

Information session: 5:30 p.m.
Hearing: 6:00 p.m.

Location:

North Bend Public Library
Large Meeting Room
1800 Sherman Ave.
North Bend, OR

Comments due

Comments due: 5p.m., February 28, 2012

How can I comment?

You can provide written or spoken comments at the public hearing.

You can e-mail, fax, or mail your comments to:

Carrie Everett, Permit Coordinator
(503) 378-5055 or (800) 349-7677

DEQ - Salem Office

Attn: Carrie Everett

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Salem, OR 97301-1039

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Where can I get more information?

Information about this project is viewable online:

- [Draft Permit](#)
- [Evaluation Report](#)

You can also contact:

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People can review the draft permit and related documents at the nearest DEQ office in Coos Bay or Salem. For a review appointment in Coos Bay, call Steve Nichols at (541) 269-2721 x223. The Coos Bay DEQ office is located at 381 N 2nd St, Coos Bay, OR.

For a review appointment in Salem, call Carrie Everett at (503) 378-5055. The Salem DEQ office is located at 750 Front Street NE, Suite 120, Salem, OR 97301.

What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to issue a new NPDES permit for Knutson Towboat Company to allow in-stream log storage.

Who is the applicant?

Knutson Towboat Company
P.O. Box 908
Coos Bay, OR 97420

Where is the facility located?

Millington Log Yard
9376 Hackett Lane
Millington, Oregon
Coos County

What does the Knutson Towboat permit allow?

The Knutson Towboat Company plans to have in-stream log storage and log raft operations at the Millington Log Yard facility in Isthmus Slough. Including at the site of in-stream log storage, Isthmus Slough is water quality limited for fecal coliform (year-round), dissolved oxygen (June 1 - September 30), and manganese year-round.

The Coos Sub-Basin Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) that may address fecal coliform, dissolved oxygen, and manganese is in the initial scoping and data collection phase. If pollutant Waste Load Allocations (WLAs) are assigned to Knutson Towboat Company, they will be incorporated into the permit after issuance of the TMDL.

How does DEQ determine what requirements go in the permit?

Various federal and state regulations apply to a facility depending on the type of industry, the type and amount of wastewater discharged and the location of the facility. All applicable



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regulations must be contained in the permit, including the appropriate recordkeeping, monitoring, and reporting requirements to ensure compliance with these rules.

The DEQ used the appropriate Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) and standard language for the permit. A reasonable potential analysis and permit limit calculations were performed using statistical methods. The DEQ uses EPA guidance and best professional judgment in choosing model inputs, critical case scenarios and statistical factors. An antidegradation review was conducted in order to determine whether the DEQ could allow a new permit for in-stream log storage in waters of the state. All evaluations showed that the discharge meets the requirements and exceptions of the applicable regulations except as otherwise noted in the permit and evaluation report.

What pollutants are limited by this permit?

The best management practices and guidelines from the Environmental Quality Commission statement of general policy regarding log handling are included. There are also benchmarks for pH, total suspended solids, oil & grease, and floating solids.

Have permit limits changed?

Although Knutson has had a previous permit for similar activities, the proposed permit is a new permit.

How are the pollutants monitored?

The permit requires the facility to monitor for all pollutants for which the permit provides a benchmark using federally approved monitoring practices and standards.

Compliance history:

DEQ performed a site visit to the proposed in-stream log storage areas on January 5, 2012.

No violations were noted in the DEQ compliance database for the past individual NPDES permit for in-stream log storage.

What other DEQ permits are required?

Knutson Towboat Company also has a NPDES 1200Z Industrial Stormwater water quality permit and a NPDES 400J Log Pond water quality permit, both for the Millington facility. Any hazardous waste generated is handled through the DEQ Hazardous Waste program. The Millington facility is considered a conditionally exempt small quantity hazardous waste generator (CEG) which is not required to notify, but can choose to as to aid in record keeping.

The permit also requires that Knutson Towboat Company maintain the appropriate Oregon Department of State Lands permits for the in-stream log storage moorage areas.

What happens after the public comment period closes?

DEQ considers and responds to all comments received. DEQ may modify the proposed permit based on comments.

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